

**COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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Regular session of the Lackawanna City Council met in the Council Chambers, Council President Keith Lewis presiding. The meeting was preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Lewis.

Meeting called to order  
NB: Meeting being recorded

Roll Call: Council: Present: Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke, Lewis  
Dept. Heads: Present: Law, Comptroller, Development, Public Safety, Public Safety,  
Recreation

**Approval of Minutes:** of regular meeting of February 26, 2018

Moved by Lewis seconded by Surdyke to adopt minutes of regular meeting of February 26, 2018 as written

Yeas: Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke, Lewis Carried 4-0

**Communications from Mayor:**

**Home Rule Message**

1. To: City Council

I am submitting a home rule message from a bill in New York State Assembly and Senate. These bills are: A09719 & S.7807 regarding temporarily waiving residency requirements for the city's part time associate judge. This was requested due to the limited pool of eligible candidates to select from. Of the sixty two cities in New York State, ten have this waiver for the same reason.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

**MAYOR GEOFFREY SZYMANSKI-MAYOR**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke and Lewis to approve submitting the Home Rule Message to NYS Assembly and Senate for approval

Yeas: Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke, Lewis Carried 4-0

**Communications from the Council:**

**First Ward Council Member Appointment**

2. To: City Council

Out of respect and due diligence to the residents of the First Ward, I respectfully request that Abdulsalam K. Noman be appointed by this Council to fill the vacant First Ward Council seat, term to expire December 31, 2018.

**KEITH E LEWIS-COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke and Lewis receive and file act on resolution appointing Abdulsalam Noman

Yeas: Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke, Lewis Carried 4-0

**Communications from Department/Division Heads:**

**Commissioner of Deeds-Public Works**

3. To: City Council

I am requesting Commissioner of Deeds status for Deanna Kowalski within the City of Lackawanna, New York, to expire 12/31/20.

**ANTHONY DESANTIS-COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Leonard to approve request

Yeas: Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke, Lewis

Carried 4-0

**Budget Amendment-Development**

4. To: City Council

Due to unforeseen circumstances and expenses associated with initiatives during the current fiscal year the Department of Development has a shortfall of \$50,500.00 under Line Item A.3620.469 Consulting Fees. I am seeking to amend the 2017-2018 Budget Ordinance adopted June 7, 2017, by increasing funding in Line Item A.3620.469 from the City's Fund Balance in the additional amount of \$50,500.00. These future expenses will be generated due to grant writing services provided by our grant writer, Connie Minor, to apply to Erie County for Community Development Block Grant funds for street paving projects, Wendel Companies for Local Waterfront Revitalization Planning (LWRP) Services and for architectural design drawings for our Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Grant, grant writing services for the DRI provided by the Erie County Industrial Development Agency and fees generated by Clark Patterson Lee, our engineering consultant for work performed regarding the demolition of Lincoln School and remedies for erosion issues along sections of Smokes Creek.

I am respectfully and humbly requesting your honorable body to use \$50,500.00 from the City's Fund Balance to increase Line Item A.3620.469 Consulting Fees by the identified, said amount. Thank you in advance for your assistance and consideration to this matter.

**DREW SHAPIRO-DIRECTOR of DEVELOPMENT**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Surdyke receive and file act on ordinance

Yeas: Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke, Lewis

Carried 4-0

**Commissioner of Deeds-City Clerk's Office**

5. To: City Council

I am requesting Commissioner of Deeds status for Danielle M. DeSantis within the City of Lackawanna, New York, to expire 12/31/20.

**JEFFREY P DEPASQUALE-CITY CLERK**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Iafallo to approve request

Yeas: Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke, Lewis

Carried 4-0

**Communications from Citizens:**

**Public Transportation Presentation**

6. To: City Council

My name is Doug Funke. I am the president of Citizens for regional Transit (CRT), a grass-roots transit advocacy origination working in the Buffalo-Niagara region. Lackawanna City Council President Keith Lewis asked me to contact you and request that you put me on the City Council agenda for Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to make a brief presentation on public transportation. As Keith requested, I will keep my

remarks to between 10 to 12 minutes and provide handouts summarizing and expanding on my comments.

The focus of my remarks will be to summarize ongoing CRT initiatives for improving public transportation throughout the Buffalo-Niagara Region, including improvements that will affect City of Lackawanna. You can refer to our website and Facebook pages noted below for more information about our organization and work.

I look forward to meeting with the Lackawanna City Council members and discussing how we can work together in making public transportation work better for Lackawanna and the larger Buffalo-Niagara Region.

**DOUG FUNKE-PRESIDENT FOR REGIONAL TRANSIT**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Iafallo receive and file

Yeas: Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke, Lewis

Carried 4-0

**Resolutions:**

**Resolution # 5, 2018**

**Whereas**, a vacancy exists in the elective office of Council Member of the First Ward of the City Council and the City of Lackawanna; and

**Whereas**, said vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Chapter 3, Section 3.2 of the Lackawanna City Charter by the Council appointment of a qualified person to serve as Council Member First Ward expiring December 31, 2018;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that Abdulsalam K. Noman residing at 29 Eaton Street, Lackawanna, New York in the First Ward of the City of Lackawanna, County of Erie, State of New York, to serve as Council Member First Ward, of Lackawanna, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the said appointee takes and file the oath of office required by law; and be it finally

**Resolved**, that the City Clerk be and hereby is authorized to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor, City Comptroller, City Council and other concerned parties.

**THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke and Lewis to adopt resolution as written

Yeas: Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke, Lewis

Carried 4-0

**Ordinance:**

**Budget Transfer-Development-Consulting Fees**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2017-2018 BUDGET ORDINANCE ADOPTED JUNE 7, 2017**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That the 2017-2018 Budget Ordinance adopted June 7, 2017 is hereby amended to increase appropriations for Development-Consulting Fees and decrease fund balance

**SECTION 2.** That the 2017-2018 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase by \$50,500.00 budget Code A.3620.469 Development-Consulting Fees

**SECTION 3.** That the 2017-2018 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to decrease by \$50,500.00 of the City's Fund Balance

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Surdyke to adopt ordinance as written  
Yeas: Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke, Lewis

Carried 4-0

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Lewis seconded by Iafallo meeting adjourned  
Yeas: Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke, Lewis

Carried 4-0

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Keith E. Lewis, Council President

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Jeffrey P. DePasquale, City Clerk